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1. IF A CHILEAN DIPLOMAT OWNS TWO CARS IN THE US BOTH ARE REGISTERED AND LICENSED WITH DIPLOMATIC PLATES.
2. CHILEAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF - WHICH INCLUDES SECRETARIES AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL -- ATTACHED TO CHILE'S EMBASSY IN U.S. ARE ENTITLED TO DUTY FREE IMPORT PRIVILEGES INCLUDING ONE DUTY FREE AUTOMOBILE FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS AFTER ARRIVAL IN U.S. THEY DO NOT HAVE CONTINUING DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES. ALL CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL PERSONNEL MUST PAY FOR D.C. LICENSE PLATES, THE AMOUNT DEPENDING ON THE CAR (USUALLY FROM DLLS. 33 TO 53). THEY ARE, HOWEVER, EXEMPT FROM TAX ON ISSUANCE OF TITLE WHICH AMOUNTS TO 5 PERCENT OF VALUE. AS STATE OF VIRGINIA HAS, IN THE PAST, PROVEN UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES, ALL FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC AND PRIVILEGED PERSONNEL RESIDING IN VIRGINIA HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO REGISTER THEIR AUTOMOBILES IN D.C. THOSE RESIDING IN MARYLAND RECEIVE FREE REGISTRATION.

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3. THERE IS NO TIME LIMITATION OR RESTRICTION ON THE SALE OF DUTY-FREE CARS IN THE U.S. THEY MAY BE SOLD AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PAYMENT OF DUTIES OR TAXES.

4. REGARDING THE LARGER QUESTION RAISED IN REF. (B), PROTOCOL HOPES TO HAVE AN ANSWER SHORTLY.

5. REFERENCE C HAS BEEN REFERRED TO LEGAL FOR OPINION. KISSINGER

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